

A NEW BRITISH LOCALITY FOR *HELIX* (*EUPARYPHA*) *PISANA*,
MÜLL.

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DURING a visit to Porthcawl (Glamorgan) in August of the present year, I was struck by the occurrence of *Helix pisana*, Müll., on the sand-hills to the east of the town. Specimens were present in hundreds, clinging, as usual, in masses to the stalks of the herbage.

It seems obvious that the species must have been introduced by the agency of man, and probably within the last few years. Although the 'burrows' at Porthcawl extend for a distance of perhaps two miles along the coast, and offer what seems a suitable habitat throughout, the species only occurs at present, so far as I was able to ascertain, for the few hundred yards immediately adjacent to the town, just where the bathing tents are pitched. It seems clear that the introducer put his specimens down on the first suitable ground he came to, where they at once increased and multiplied, but they have not yet had time to extend their area of occupation over more than a small section of the sand hills. It is quite probable that the species was introduced from Tenby, which is hardly more than four hours journey from Porthcawl by train.

Not all attempts to colonize *Helix pisana* in Glamorgan have been so successful. Jeffreys made two attempts, at an interval of years, to colonize it on the sand-hills near Swansea, but the experiment failed.¹ According to J. W. Taylor,² "Mr. H. Rowland Wakefield now entirely omits it from his list of Swansea shells, as he has regularly and persistently searched the district for some years past, in conjunction with the local Field Club, without finding a trace of a single shell, though recently he has picked up a few dead specimens at Singleton."

Perhaps one of these local Field Clubs may be able to furnish some definite information as to when and how the Porthcawl colony was started, which seems to have a more brilliant future before it than that at Swansea.

¹ Brit. Conch., i, 1862, p. 208.

² Monograph of the Land and Freshwater Mollusca of the British Isles, i, 1912, p. 394.